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## Physical Inspection Operations (PI-Ops)

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There are many important changes to the inspection protocol:

**Keeping up with changes to the protocol is essential to your success**

Following meetings with industry, and in coordination with the HUD program offices, the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) is continuously improving its inspection protocol.

The information in this bulletin is designed to enhance your understanding of the REAC inspection protocol and improve the overall quality of REAC physical inspections. Take some time to become familiar with this change in the protocol:

- **Fire Escapes:** While conducting a physical inspection do not record "N/A" for fire escapes on mid or high rise apartments.

### How can you apply this new rule?

The REAC physical inspection protocol requires that mid and high rise apartment buildings have fire escapes. Therefore, when conducting an inspection, ensure that you DO NOT mark "N/A" for fire escapes on a mid or high rise apartment building without adding an accompanying comment.

To see the all the new definitions visit the REAC website at:

<http://www.hud.gov/reac/whatsnew/rephydef.html>